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# Be Aware

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and *The Pacer* is bringing you stories about Breast Cancer Awareness throughout the issue.


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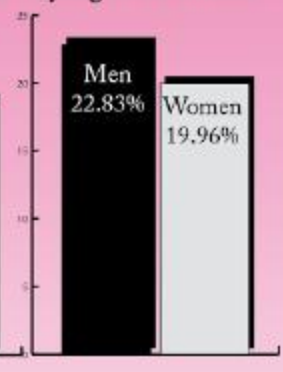
## Cancer Facts

**Risk of developing cancer**

**Risk of dying from cancer**




**Deadliest forms of cancer**

- Prostate cancer
- Breast cancer
- Lung cancer
- Pancreatic cancer
- Colon cancer

Number of people who develop cancer each year:
**Over 13.7 million people**

Number of deaths from cancer each year:
**Over 589,000 people**

Sources: heathguidance.org, cancer.org

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# Viewpoints

## EDITORIAL

# Knowledge key to good health

### Cancer resources:

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- American Cancer Society | 1-800-ACS-2345 | www.cancer.org
- healthguidance.org
- seer.cancer.gov
- 10 Must-Know Cancer statistics: www.cancer.org/research/acsresearchupdates/more/10-must-know-cancer-statistics-for-2015
- cancer.net

We believe that knowledge is the key to helping us all lead healthier lives.

Knowledge begins with awareness, which is the theme of this week's *Pacer* to mark Breast Cancer Awareness month in October.

As you can see from the infographic on our front page, breast cancer is one of the top five most dangerous forms of cancer. More than 233,000 new cases of breast cancer are reported every year for both women and men, though breast cancer in men is rare.

At higher risk are African-American and Hispanic women, whom the *Huffington Post* reported are "30 to 60 percent more likely to be diagnosed with late-stage breast cancer than white patients. Even worse, African-American women were 70 percent more likely to be diagnosed with stage IV breast cancer, the deadliest type."

However, though we focus on breast cancer in this issue, we want to encourage our readers to become informed and aware of other deadly forms of cancer. September was Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, November spotlights lung and pancreatic cancer, and March is Colon Cancer Awareness month.

All of us know people who have been affected by cancer, which does not discriminate by age, race or gender. Use the resources we've listed here, among others, to learn how to listen to your body and be better prepared to help yourself and those you love.

Knowledge, after all, is power.

## COLUMNS

# It's time to holster America's gun violence

**Bradley Stringfield**
*Guest Writer*

On October 1, a man walked into a building on the campus of Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon, and took the lives of 10 people, wounding seven others.

This isn't a one-off occurrence, this isn't some sick trend, this is the world we live in 2015. A world where seemingly anyone can not only acquire a gun, but freely waltz into a building and take the lives of innocent people. While mass school shootings thankfully don't happen as often as many seem to think, there's still an issue that needs to be addressed. How can this country continue to sit back and watch as gun violence in the U.S. rages on?

According to study done by Small Arms Survey, the U.S. is first in most guns owned per capita with 88.8 of every 100 people owning a gun. The next highest was Yemen with just under 60 out of every 100. Another study done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show from 2001-2013 there have been 3,380 American deaths by acts of terrorism and 406,496 killed by firearms on American soil. That doesn't sound like "winning the war on terrorism." That sounds Americans' biggest terror threat is other Americans.

While the left is shouting that something needs to be done, and the right is shouting back, "Don't take my guns," the fact is that people are being shot and killed, and little is being done to stop it.

On April 28, 1996, a man in Australia opened fire at Port Arthur killing 35 people, and wounding 23 more. The Australian government responded – 12 days later mind you – by enacting a buyback program of an estimated 600,000 weapons, along with very strict guidelines for owning and purchasing firearms. The Washington Post reported homicides by firearm dropped by 59 percent between 1995-2006.

The U.S. loves to be the best. It loves to be the best in sports, entertainment, military and basically anything else where someone is keeping score. Stop waving the Second Amendment around like it doesn't say "well regulated." Stop letting ignorance prevent unnecessary deaths.

If America wants to be the best, it can start by helping to prevent gun violence.

# Why must we sexualize breast cancer?

**Ashton Priest**
*Viewpoints Editor*

During the month of October, banners and posters are spread all over communities in establishments such as schools, restaurants and workplaces asking people for donations to "save the ta-tas," "save the 'girls'," or even "save second-base" for breast cancer awareness month. Reading all of these phrases formulated a question in my mind: Why do we sexualize breast cancer?

Of course, the majority of supporters think these sayings are clever. However, these phrases tend to direct the attention of the media towards the breasts and not the actual victims. Breasts, especially those of women, are shamed in today's society. The lack of acceptance and equality brought up national movements like #freethenipple, which supports the taboo idea of women breastfeeding openly in public. When it comes to breast cancer, the media says women should free them in the name of health and advertising for donations.

According to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Organization, one in eight women and one in 1,000 men will have breast cancer in their lifetime. Yes, even though these campaigns are geared towards women and "saving the girls," men can have breast cancer as well. Why do we tend to forget males in regards to this disease?

It may be because cases are significantly lower, or because our society always held a more provocative standard on the breasts of women. If a woman took her shirt off, she is deemed promiscuous and "asking for it." If a man takes off his shirt, then it must be him just cooling off from the heat. However, breast cancer is merciless and knows no gender. It is a disease that affects all bodies and robs all lives.

Along with that type of mindset, our society also forgets the real importance of breasts. The majority of people (predominantly men) see breasts as a sexual piece of the pleasure puzzle. Any woman that dares show much cleavage begins being viewed as a sexual object. Also, breasts tend to be referred to as their "second-base" in the game of relations.

Breasts, contrary to popular belief, exist for mothers to bond with their newborns, nourishing them with the nutrients needed to help them grow. Why are we more concerned with saving "second-base" but not saving an important and natural process for the human race?

Breast cancer does affect everyone, and it is considered one of the top five deadliest cancers according to the American Cancer Society. We are doing great things in the name of breast cancer awareness, but the majority of today's society is gathering attention the wrong way. We should stop focusing solely on the female breasts and focus on all breast cancer victims no matter what.


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# Viewpoints

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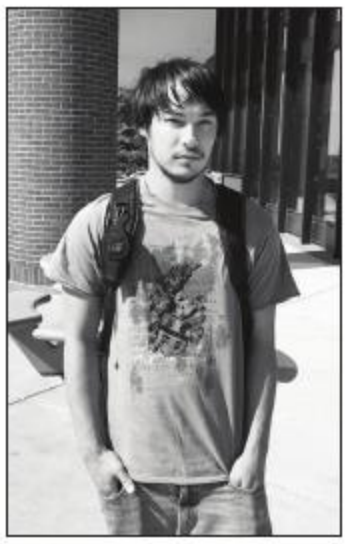

"Don't procrastinate. It'll ruin your life."

"Sometimes, you eat the bear. Sometimes, the bear eats you."

"Every day is a new chance for a great day."

## COLUMN

# Should firearms be allowed on college campuses?

**Jerry Garcia**
*Guest Writer*

Many college communities have a shared fear of a gunman coming onto their campus and opening fire on students and faculty.

They employ a police force that focuses on the campus, organize student rallies for awareness and train professors and staff to react accordingly in the event of a school shooting. Some campuses have also stated that they do allow students to carry handguns on campus. This is legal in a few states, including Idaho, Texas, Colorado, Utah and Oregon. However, the question remains: Would allowing weapons to be carried on campus by students and faculty create more problems or solutions?

Many students and teachers on the UTM campus agree that it would cause more problems than solutions, and that the amount of school shootings would be increased. When asked for her view on this topic, Anna Clark, instructor in the English Department said, "This would increase the amount. It is a dangerous plan." Many others on this campus agree.

"It is too much of a risk. Our security has enough to worry about with normal things, let alone additional problems. I support everyone's right to carry arms. I like that. I like guns myself, but a college campus is not a place for them," said Dr. John Cochran, Assistant Professor of the Mathematics Department.

When asked about the shooting in Oregon and if the presence of guns on campus in the hands of students and faculty would help with this problem, Conner Henson, a sophomore graphic design major, had something to say. "What you had was a single, lone shooter walking onto campus and shooting down unarmed people. Now, you're going to have armed people shooting back. Most people are probably not going to be trained in using a gun or have only taken an entry-level class. They don't know how to act in a situation under stress. Now, you have gun fights happening on campus, and that is going to cause a way bigger loss of life than a single gunman."

Even when asked about having an alternative to guns, such as a taser, many people had mixed feelings about them. Dr. Daniel Pigg of the UTM English Department said, "Before anything can be used, like that, there must be significant training."

Tim Hacker of the UTM English Department said, "If it makes them feel safer, and if it is non-lethal, I would be prepared to engage in a debate. I would like to hear the debate about that, pro and con."

Randal Graves, a senior economics major, said, "Non-lethal forms to subdue an attacker would be fine. They may hurt like hell, but they will prevent someone from doing much of anything: being locked up through a Taser, as one example. Pepper spray is also good deterrent. Even some forms of non-lethal combat, through hand-to-hand would be fine."

## COLUMN

# When is it just a joke or painfully personal?

**Rachel Moore**
*Guest Writer*

In a society full of emotions and differences, it can become hard to tell whose humor is offensive and whose is safe. Some people like to distinguish comedy with ratings like parents and the FCC use for films. This is why stations like Comedy Central and Adult Swim were created. People understand that children should not watch content like Louis C. K. or Sarah Silverman. But when should adults not watch that content? Should there be a firmer line drawn for comedians? Is everything offensive to someone but funny to somebody else? The line can be drawn at varying degrees.

As with most things that are interpreted with opinion, humor requires context. Humor is subjective for the most part so it's crucial to remember that because one person laughs at a joke does not mean everyone will. With that being said it is important to understand the audience for comedy as well as the context.

When I was in 8th grade, and we were covering the holocaust, a student cracked a holocaust joke, the class laughed. The laughter then lead to a very serious discussion from our teacher about why this kind of humor was unacceptable. The jester in this case then went to in-school suspension, and we thought the issue was done. About an hour later we were outside when another student was explaining the situation he said, "Holocaust jokes aren't funny Anne Frankly I won't stand for them anymore." Everyone chuckled a little and we're all forced to realize the difference between a pun and a joke, of course the context of this situation helped the humor.

Studies have been done to prove why people laugh at different kinds of humor. Psychologist Sigmund Freud had his own theories on humor but so did other psychologists like Henri Bergson and Thomas Hobbes (If you're curious about these, feel free to take English 111 with Charles Bradshaw because he covers humor in literature, and it's a real treat). If you look at any comedy routine from those psychological stand points, it will be hard to see anything as funny. You've discovered why you laugh and now nothing is funny.

But that still doesn't answer the question. When has the joke gone too far?

Kindall Bell, freshmen public relations major, said, "I guess it's too far when you've offended more people than you make laugh."

That can be a good rule of thumb. Take a look at Youtuber Nicole Arbour and her video, "Dear Fat People." Arbour claims this video was satire but she received a large amount of public backlash and it's this writer's opinion that nothing about that video sounded like a joke. We all know how to identify when someone is joking. Comedians like Marc Maron and Louis C. K. do a lot of bits that could be considered insulting to other people, but they are sure to attack themselves as well. Anyone who watches the show Maron has seen that his entire act is about self-loathing. This doesn't even begin to cover comedians with trigger warnings like Daniel Tosh, Sarah Silverman, and Don Rickles. Comedians have been making fun of other people and making offensive statements long before fat-shaming, skinny-shaming, or any other form of shaming had a group advocating for its stop.

"Comedy is based on misery," said Joseph Yates, a sophomore broadcasting major. If we all looked at it from that stand point, maybe there is no line.

As for me, I don't believe in a line. Comedy is completely interpreted by those who hear it, so if you're very sensitive you could find things offensive. Comedians make a living experimenting with what their audiences want and will accept and in a world that's always changing, it's too easy to avoid all forms of lines and play it safe. Maybe for ages the line is always moving, maybe the line is the context, maybe the line is when things get personal, but I don't think there is a line. If at least one person is always going to be offended, you might as well say what you think is humorous and wait for the world to catch up and realize that sometimes a joke really means nothing.

# News

## State House considering bill to ban religion from middle school curriculum

**Justin Glover**
*News Editor*

The Tennessee House of Representatives is considering a bill that would ban subjects related to "religious doctrine" from school curriculums prior to 10th grade.

The bill was reportedly created following expressions of concern by parents in response to their children receiving world history lessons involving Islam.

Representative Sheila Butt (R-Columbia), the legislator responsible for the bill's introduction, says that students in seventh, eighth, and ninth grade are not ready to learn about religion.

"I think that probably the teaching that is going on right now in seventh, eighth grade is not age-appropriate," said Rep. Butt. "They are not able to discern a lot of times whether its indoctrination or whether they're learning about what a religion teaches."

Tennessee education officials said that the present curriculum discusses several world religions, including Islam, in a historical context, and that the religions are taught solely on a factual standpoint rather than from a proselytizing view.

Kyle Alexander, a social studies teacher in the Metro Nashville Public School system, says that the backlash toward Islam-related class discussion is unwarranted.

"The reality is the Muslim world brought us algebra, 'One Thousand and One Nights,' and some can argue it helped bring about the Renaissance," said Alexander. "There is a lot of influence that that part of the world had on world history."

Rep. Butt said in an interview with the Tennesseean that middle school students are not as capable of analyzing religion-related information in comparison to high school students.

"Junior high is not the time that children are doing the most analysis," Rep. Butt said. "Insecurity is in junior high a lot of times, and students are not able to differentiate a lot of things they are taught."

The debate has caught the attention of Department of Education Commissioner Candace McQueen, who says that the state of Tennessee will "speed up" its timeline for reviewing its social studies standards.

The bill will be put up for discussion when the state legislative session resumes in January 2016.

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## Northwest Tennessee Regional STEM Hub established at UTM

**University Relations**

The Tennessee STEM Innovation Network has awarded UTM a $250,000 grant to establish the Northwest Tennessee Regional STEM hub on campus.

The goal of the organization is to enhance student learning in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The STEM hub, scheduled to begin operation in November, is a joint effort by UTM and Dyersburg State Community College. The new hub is one of seven regional STEM hubs across the state, and will serve students in Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Obion, Tipton and Weakley counties.

"Having this STEM hub based on the core academic strengths of UT Martin promises to be a true boost for Northwest Tennessee's development of high tech industry and modern manufacturing opportunities," said Dr. Bob Smith, UTM's interim chancellor.

The regional hub is planned to serve as a resource to provide professional development for Northwest Tennessee teachers, establish a STEM Master Teacher Corps and create a library of STEM "toolkits" for use in classroom and after-school activities. Local educators in both primary and higher education will work together with business partners and community stakeholders to accelerate the impact of STEM programs in the region. The end goal is to ensure the college- and career-readiness of area students upon graduation from high school.

"One goal [of the Northwest Tennessee Regional STEM Hub] is to increase collaboration between local teachers and university professors and students," said Dr. Curtis Kunkel, associate professor of mathematics and UT Martin STEM hub project director. "This will be done via a series of Saturday STEM workshops this spring where local area STEM teachers will come to campus and meet with some of our excellent STEM faculty and STEM student ambassadors while learning about the STEM kit they'll receive that day.

"We're excited to have this opportunity available to local teachers so that they have access to both resources and contacts in the area and can help their students succeed in the future," said Dr. Kunkel.

The hub will make one of its first community contributions at the annual UTM Science Quiz Bowl on Nov. 14, sponsored by the university's chapter of the Student Members of the American Chemical Society. The hub will provide participating teachers with stipends, bus travel and a mini-workshop on dye-sensitized solar cells while students participate in quiz bowl activities.

The Tennessee STEM Innovation Network is committed to helping Tennessee inspire and train the next generation of leaders and is operated as a partnership between the Tennessee Department of Education and Battelle Education. For more information about the network, visit www.thetsin.org.

For more information on the Northwest Tennessee Regional STEM Hub, contact Wes Hall, director, Tennessee STEM Innovation Network, at hallj@battelle.org.

## Haslam announces new fund for rural economic development

**Justin Glover**
*News Editor*

Governor Bill Haslam and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd announced a new $8 million economic development fund for rural areas of Tennessee on Tuesday.

The Rural Economic Development Fund is slated to provide an immediate $6 million to help finish readying of economic development sites, while the remainder is allocated for enhancing tourism sites, among other grants.

"Tennessee has embraced real change in our approach to workforce readiness with programs like the Tennessee Promise, and these new initiatives led by TNECD will help build capacity in rural areas and get them ready for investment and economic success," Gov. Haslam said in a news release.

"Tennesseans are passionate about their communities," said Commissioner Boyd. "Here at TNECD, we are passionate about helping them develop dynamic, diverse economies and thriving communities. This investment will pay off for decades, helping generations of rural Tennesseans see that their communities reach full economic potential."

The fund will work in conjunction with Tennessee's existing Select Tennessee Site Certification program in order to boost specific sites' status to "shovel-ready," or ready for construction and further development.

The fund will also include $250,000 in funding for a statewide survey to determine broadband capacity in rural areas of Tennessee.

The fund's announcement comes in the midst of a revitalized focus on rural development by the Department of Economic and Community Development. So far this year, the department has constructed a Rural Development Task Force that operates on a statewide basis, as well as a marketing campaign for a state-owned industrial site in West Tennessee known as the Memphis Regional Megasite.

"Our department decided to double down on rural economic development earlier this year," said Amy Blaylock New, the department's first assistant commissioner for rural development. "The Rural Economic Development Fund will help communities stretch their resources to make sure we have asset-based investment strategies in rural Tennessee. This fund will reinforce the exceptional work and investment by our local partners to prepare for the future economic growth."

## Annual ghost tour to showcase UTM's haunts

**Laura Crossett**
*Features Editor*

On October 27, Clement Hall will be hosting it's seventh annual Ghost Tour, as lead by organizers, PRISM. The tour will highlight several spots on campus, including Pacer Pond, the quad and Clement Hall.

Myths about a supernatural presence inhabiting Clement Hall have been circulated for ages, and the stories have passed through so many mouths it is difficult to tell what is fact. It seems everyone knows someone who has an eyewitness account with the ghost in the old building, but many have a common origin story.

Clement Hall has served many purposes over the years, from housing portions of the library collection to offices for the university credit union, but the most popular ghost origin story comes from when it housed female students. After a student suicide on the fourth floor of Clement, accounts began emerging of people seeing her ghostly form in a white dress roaming the halls at night. Additionally, many believe they've heard door slams from uninhabited rooms, as well as singing, speaking and murmuring from the area of her death. While there are many other stories related to Clement Hall, this one is deemed the most popular.

PRISM, or the Paranormal Research Investigation Society of Martin, is UTM's one and only paranormal organization, and was founded in 2006. As a part of the Paranormal Clergy of Tennessee, this group offers intensive investigations on suspected hauntings within a 50 mile radius of Martin, Tennessee. The organization can also provide services such as workshops and seminars.

This tour will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27. The Ghost Tour is completely free, but those wishing to attend must fill out a short form regarding a behavioral agreement. Once filled out, more details will be given on the event to those seriously interested, alongside a ticket necessary for entrance. These tickets can be recieved on ticket sale dates listed on the PRISM website's calendar, or on their online form at http://prismparanormal.net/halloween.html.

For more details on the Ghost Tour or the PRISM organization, contact the PRISM Hotline by text or call between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at (731) 313-7699.

# News

## Tennessee Tidbits

## Statewide News Briefs

**Associated Press**

### Panel to evaluate Tennessee laws regarding municipal broadband

An advisory panel is scheduled to hold hearings Wednesday on broadband access in Tennessee.

The Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations meeting comes as state lawmakers grapple with whether to allow utilities in cities like Chattanooga to offer super-fast broadband Internet service outside of their service areas.

So far, lawmakers have sided with private telecoms like AT&T that see taxpayer-funded broadband as unfair competition.

But the refusal of state lawmakers to change the rules led Chattanooga to ask the Federal Communications Commission to override state laws preventing the city's super-fast Internet to be offered in outlying areas.

The FCC earlier this year voted to override state laws restricting municipal broadband, but the state's attorney general has filed a legal challenge in the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

### Tennessee Aquarium to build $4.5M freshwater institute in Chattanooga

The Tennessee Aquarium is building a $4.5 million freshwater science center on the Chattanooga riverfront to expand its conservation work.

The aquarium announced Wednesday that the 14,000-square-foot facility will operate as a biological field station with space for breeding programs, research and teaching labs.

Aquarium officials say they hope the expansion will vault their work to the national stage and reinforce their assertion that Chattanooga is the conservation capital of the South. The building will both help facilitate research and be a display center for the region's rich freshwater life.

The aquarium says freshwater ecosystems are the most threatened on Earth. The extinction rate of freshwater animals is two to five times higher than for terrestrial or marine life.

"We are surrounded by an underwater rainforest," Tennessee Aquarium Conservation Institute Director Anna George said in a news release on the new facility. "These amazing freshwater communities are unparalleled for any location outside the tropics. This is why the Southeast is so exciting to the scientific community."

In anticipation of the new center, the institute has been hiring new scientists with backgrounds in conservation genetics, field biology, cave biology and geographic information systems. The team's work is expanding to new research projects with turtles and salamanders.

## ZTA presents 'Think Pink Week'

**Sydney LaFreniere**
*Guest Writer*

UTM's Zeta Tau Alpha chapter will host its annual Think Pink week October 27-31 to raise money for breast cancer awareness and education.

The special week-long event will consist of daily fundraising activities across campus, and all of the proceeds will go directly to the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research and education.

"Last year, this was a big event, and this year it's even bigger with all of the stuff that we're doing," said Danielle Gansereit, the ZTA Think Pink Chair.

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, ZTA will be hosting a spaghetti dinner at St. Jude Catholic Church from 5 to 7 p.m. This event is open to both students and the Martin community. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any ZTA sister or from the ZTA table in the UC. Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the event.

Wednesday, Oct. 28, is ZTA's Pink Out UTM day. ZTA is asking all UTM students and faculty to "pink out" the campus and wear pink to support breast cancer education and awareness. UTM's Instagram will include a pink filter in honor of the day. Pink goodies will be available at the ZTA table in the UC, as well as the iconic pink ZTA ribbons. Donations will also be accepted.

Thursday, Oct. 29, ZTA is hosting a flag football tournament. The double-elimination tournament starts at 4:30 p.m. and is open to any student organization. Teams must consist of at least seven players, and it is $20 per team to enter. Both male and female teams are allowed to participate, and the winning team will receive a special trophy.

Oct. 30 is the "Pink Out the House" event. That Friday, the fraternity houses around UTM are encouraged to add pink to their houses—anywhere and everywhere—to see which fraternity can best "think pink". The houses will be judged in several categories by members of the UTM and Martin communities. Fraternities can begin decorating on Monday, and the judging will start Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Three members of ZTA pose with a Breast Cancer Awareness ribbon. | **Photo Courtesy Habiba Soliman**

Wrapping up the week of activities is the ZTA Think Pink 5K Color Run on Saturday, Oct. 31. Walkers, joggers, and runners are all welcome to compete in a fun, and very pink, race around campus. Participants are encouraged to pre-register online anytime before Oct. 30 through the Facebook page: Think Pink 5K Color Run. Pre-registration fee is $20 for adults, $10 for children ages 6-12, and children five and under are free. Registration at the event will begin at 9 a.m., and the race will begin at 10 a.m. at the Hardy Graham Stadium.

ZTA adopted Breast Cancer Awareness and Education as its philanthropy because of its massive impact on women of all ages. One in eight women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime, and the sisters of ZTA feel that this cause requires their commitment.

"Our philanthropy is for women," said Danielle Gansereit. "A lot of our girls know people affected by this. This is about women fighting for women, and I think that's pretty cool."

Last year, the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha were able to raise approximately $10,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Contact Danielle Gansereit or any of the ZTA sisters to learn how to get involved, or visit www.zetataualpha.org for information about the chapter and ZTA's involvement with breast cancer awareness and education.

## Vanderbilt fossil collection finds permanent home at UTM

**Staff Reports**

The Vanderbilt University fossil collection, after being split between Martin and Memphis more than a decade ago, has been reunited and permanently relocated at UTM.

Dr. Michael Gibson, UTM professor of Geology, said the collection contains between a quarter- and half-million fossil specimens that were amassed at Vanderbilt during a nearly 180-year period.

"We now have the largest single fossil collection in the state of Tennessee … and it's a historical collection. There are specimens from Paris (France) and around the world. Most of it is from Tennessee and our region, but there are items from other places, too," Gibson said. "Some of these fossils were actually on display at the Tennessee Centennial in 1896 in Nashville."

Scientists believe many of the fossils to be nearly 500 million years old. The Vanderbilt University Department of Earth and Environmental Science is home to one of the oldest geology programs in Tennessee, but the fossil collection was relocated in 2002-2003 to make room for Vanderbilt's medical school expansion.

Gibson said he brokered a deal at that time to have most of the Vanderbilt collection moved to the Pink Palace Museum in Memphis, where he serves as an associate curator, and the rest to be housed at UTM.

"This way we could keep the collection relatively intact," he said. "This original move even included the cabinets themselves, which are antique tongue-and-groove oak made in the early 1900s."

However, The Pink Palace is beginning a renovation project and needed to make space, so its portion of the Vanderbilt collection made the move to UTM right before the fall 2015 semester began.

The Vanderbilt collection has been combined with many other specimen donations made to UTM over the years and will be available for research and classroom use by university students, as well as examination by the public and outside scientists to aid in geological discovery. Gibson added that one of the goals of reuniting the collection was to begin work toward plans for a larger facility.

"We are designing a teaching lab to be part of the new Science Building being proposed for campus. … Also, at that time EPS will be renovated and we hope to have an outreach lab in that building that would house the collection and display parts of it. School groups and lifelong learning groups would then have access to see and use the materials," Gibson said.

The UTM fossil archives include examples of shells, plants, and vertebrate and invertebrate animals, as well as many types of minerals and inorganic materials. Items from the Vanderbilt collection, among others, are currently on "indefinite" loan for display at the Discovery Park of America in Union City. Gibson said a number of geology books from the 1800s and 1900s, part of his personal library, also are on loan to Discovery Park.

Along with keeping the Vanderbilt collection intact for education and research, the history of the science behind the collection is equally important, Gibson said, adding that some of the most important paleontologists of the 19th and 20th centuries interacted with the material.

"We are excited to have the collection complete again," Gibson said. "Combined with our other fossil collections, such as the Bordeau Microfossil Collection, Stone Trilobite Collection, Hammons Fossil Collection, and others, the geoscience program has the most extensive collection of life on Earth in one place than any other university in the region. The opportunities for student research are tremendous and we anticipate many programs in the future to help train our students in all aspects of the biological consequences of global change … past, present, and future."

For more information on the fossil collection or the UTM Geology Program, contact Gibson at 731-881-7435 or by email at mgibson@utm.edu.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Gaming goods for the holiday season

**Chance Farmer**
*Co-Executive Editor*

For many gamers, Christmas is coming a bit early this year. Many of the heavyweight franchises that fans know and love will be returning with new iterations starting later this month.

Ubisoft's Assassin's Creed franchise is back with Assassin's Creed: Syndicate. The latest in the series, Syndicate follows Jacob and Evie Frye, a brother/sister team of master assassins in Victorian London. For the first time in the Assassin's Creed franchise, players will control more than one assassin in the game. The team at Ubisoft says that Jacob's character is meant more for hand-to-hand combat, while Evie's character is more tailored to the stealthier missions. Assassin's Creed: Syndicate will be available on Oct. 23.

On Oct. 27, Master Chief is back in Halo 5: Guardians. When we last saw the Master Chief, he saved Earth (again) from total annihilation against a Forerunner attack. In the latest installment, the Master Chief has apparently gone into hiding from the UNSC. It's up to a team of Spartans led by Spartan Locke to find and capture the Master Chief. Has Master Chief turned to the dark side, or is this something bigger?

Call of Duty: Black Ops 3 will hit store shelves on Nov. 6. The latest installment is set 45 years into the future, where robotics and cybernetic implants are commonplace. Soldiers become the weapon in more than one way with this new iteration. Players can expect the familiar feel of the Call of Duty franchise with exciting new perks and abilities.

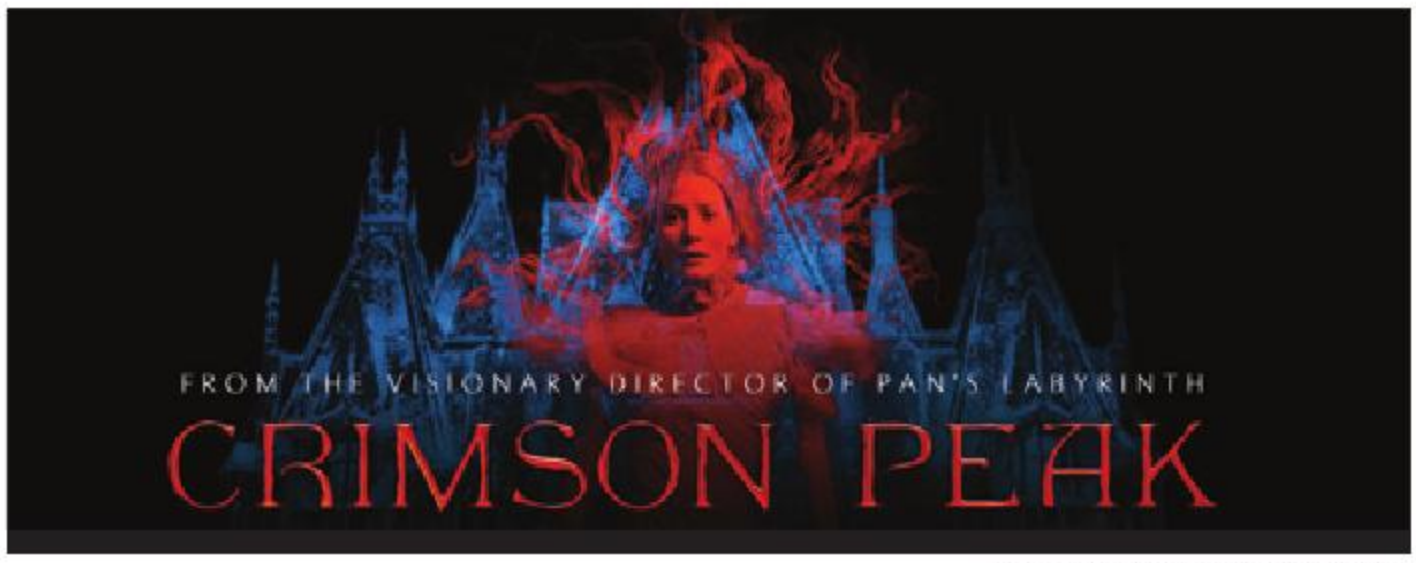
After five long years of waiting, gamers can finally get their hands on Fallout 4. Bethesda Studios is known for its large, open-world style games which include the Fallout series, as well as the Elder Scrolls series. Fallout 4 is no exception, as Bethesda claims it is their "most ambitious open-world experience yet." Players can expect the level of customization previously seen in the Fallout franchise, as well as a dynamic crafting system that will allow players to craft new weapons, mix chemicals and even found their own settlements. Fallout 4 will be released on Nov. 10.

After much anticipation and speculation, EA's Star Wars: Battlefront will be released on Nov. 17. To be clear, this isn't a sequel or continuation of the popular franchise that's last installment, Star Wars: Battlefront 2, which was released in 2005 and, to this day, is still the best selling Star Wars game of all time. This will be EA's first venture in the Star Wars brand after buying the rights to make the video games from LucasArts in 2013. EA hosted beta testing for the highly anticipated game earlier this month, in which over nine million players participated.

These are just five of the most anticipated games coming later this year, and there is so much more on the way. It seems to be the year gamers will be lined up at the store chanting, "Shut up, and take my money."

## Crimson Peak: Jump scare or campfire story?

**Laura Crossett**
*Assistant News Editor*



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Academy Award nominee Guillermo del Toro delivers again with the fall 2015 film, Crimson Peak. But what the commercials make out to be a typical jump-scare October flick, is actually something quite outside the norm.

The stage is set at the turn of the 20th century in upper class families, complete with gorgeous cinematography of a distinctly gothic feel.

The only daughter of a successful business owner, Edith Cushing's only interest is the furthering her writing her novel about man and ghosts. Visited by her late mother in the opening scene of the film, Edith is haunted by interactions with the dead. Her focus is directed down this narrow path, at least until the mysterious Sir Thomas Sharpe enters her life.

As she falls madly for the enigmatic baronet, death seems to visit Edith's life more than ever before, and mysteries that were supposed to be lost with the years come to life. Once married, she is taken to his home in Europe, and, suddenly, becomes a part of the clandestine secrets of Thomas Sharpe and his sister Lucille.

With a star studded cast, the leads, Mia Wasikowska as Edith Cushing, and Tom Hiddleston as the charming Thomas Sharpe still manage to capture the most attention. Both are typecast to some degree in supernatural themed movies, but their strengths are played to the max in Crimson Peak.

Wasikowska is best known as Alice from the Tim Burton adaption of Alice in Wonderland. Her romantic counterpart, Hiddleston, is a recognizable face as The Marvel Cinematic Universe's Loki.

This movie was completely undersold by commercials, and even its own trailer. In place of the typical October release, a deeply unnerving web of suspenseful mysteries made up Crimson Peak.

Dark suspense is showcased in its peak form in this beautiful film. While romance is a well done element in this film, it takes the back seat to the elements of unusual drama that dominate Crimson Peak.

As a fair warning, however, there are disturbing visuals for the more squeamish. Included are scenes involving body mutilation, occasional sexual scenes, mild gore, and a handful of scenes featuring insects. All elements are used to establish the tone of the film, but any with an aversion may wish to avoid the film.

While I expected it to be a gimmicky Halloween movie, what I found was another rich masterpiece by del Toro.

## Battling breast cancer: Everyone is human

**Chance Farmer**
*Co-Executive Editor*

Breast cancer is one of the most common types of cancer, so it's really no surprise that even celebrities have had to battle the disease.

Cynthia Nixon of Sex and the City fame was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006 after a routine mammogram. Nixon didn't want her diagnosis to be released while still being treated for the disease.

"I didn't want paparazzi at the hospital, that kind of thing," Nixon said in an interview with the New York Daily News after treating her cancer with a lumpectomy and radiation. However, Nixon decided to tell her story after realizing that it might serve as inspiration to women at risk.

Renowned musician Sheryl Crow was also diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006. Crow immediately postponed her tour, went into surgery and underwent seven weeks of chemotherapy, supplemented with acupuncture and herbal teas.

"I am a walking advertisement for early detection," Crow said. Crow later petitioned Congress to fund research into possible links between breast cancer and environmental factors in 2007.

Actress Christina Applegate opted to have both breasts removed, even though cancer was only found in one breast, after being diagnosed in 2008. Applegate, whose mother is a repeat breast cancer survivor, said she chose mastectomy to reduce the chance that the cancer could spread or come back, according to ABC News. Applegate later founded Right Action for Women, a nonprofit organization that provides financial aid to women at high risk of breast cancer.

Like Applegate, Angelina Jolie also underwent a double mastectomy after testing positive for the BRCA1 mutation in 2013. Jolie, who also had a family history of breast cancer, underwent the procedure while still in her thirties."I do not feel any less of a woman. I feel empowered that I made a strong choice that in no way diminishes my femininity," Jolie said. "It is not easy to make these decisions. But it is possible to take control and tackle head-on any health issue. You can seek advice, learn about the options and make choices that are right for you. Knowledge is power."

The point is that breast cancer hits everyone. No matter your social standing, anyone can be affected. Even if you aren't in the best financial shape, there are ways to detect and combat this terrible disease and get help while doing it.

There are a number of nonprofit organizations, such as the National Breast Cancer Foundation, that will make a difference in the lives of those affected.

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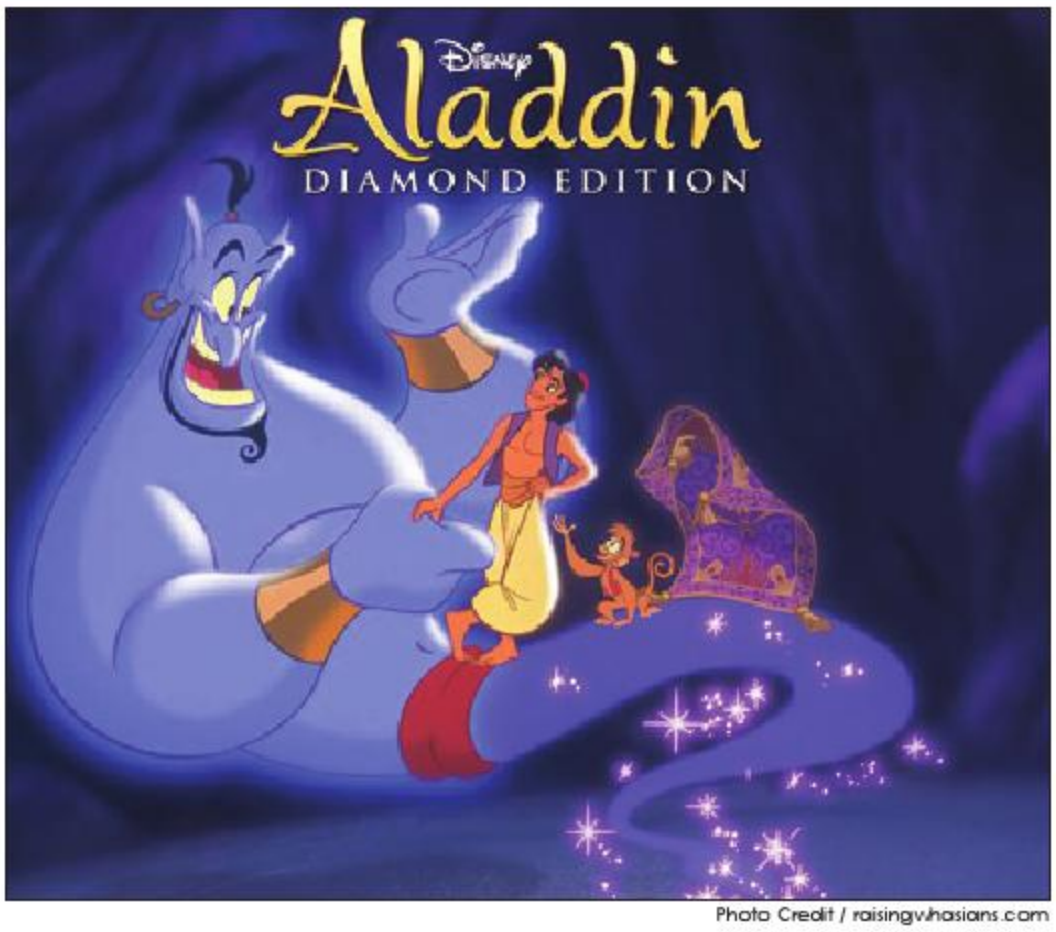


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## 'Aladdin' re-release excellent

**Lyndsey Hayslett**
*Managing Editor*

More than 20 years after it was originally released, Disney has opened the vault and released Aladdin Diamond Edition into a whole new world on Blu-ray, DVD and Digital HD.

Loosely based on an Arabian folktale, Aladdin is a Disney staple. Aladdin tells the story of a young, orphan boy who discovers a magic lamp, which contains a Genie with the powers to grant him three wishes. He uses one of his wishes to turn him into a prince, so that he can woo the city's princess, Jasmine. However, the sultan's royal vizier wants the lamp and its powers for himself and starts to catch on to Aladdin's rouse. Can Aladdin keep it up?

A fun, light-hearted film that still tugged at your heartstrings, Aladdin was unlike anything that had come before it. With the new release, viewers get to see traditional animation along with lively musical numbers from Tim Rice and Alan Menken, including the Academy Award Winner for "Best Song," A Whole New World. We can't forget the fan-favorite, wise cracking, blue genie. Genie, voiced by the late Robin Williams was quite possibly the star of the show. As viewers would expect, the new release comes with plenty of extras. The clear favorite has to be outtakes of Robin Williams' work as the genie. "The 9-minute collage has rough animation synced to his, once-again, hilarious vocal performances. The guy was a true master at finding ways to elicit a laugh from near every age," says Washington Times.

Aladdin is a modern-day Disney classic that deserved the star treatment when it comes to a Blu-ray release. The Diamond Edition does just that. Disney not only released a spectacular HD version of the film, but also pulled out all the stops for the bonus features.

The Aladdin Diamond Edition Blu-ray has set the bar high.

## No Halloween costume money? Make your own

**Barriana Woods**
*Arts & Entertainment Editor*

Halloween is around the corner which means haunted mansions, scary movies, and candy for the rest of the month. There's a list of things we all love about Halloween, candy being number one then the fun part: costumes.

The Halloween traditions were brought to America in the nineteenth century. The holiday originated from a pre-Christian Celtic festival. It was held around November 1 called Samhain,which means "summer's end".

According to religioustolerance.org , "Halloween is the third-largest party occasion next to Christmas and New Year's Eve."

Washington times reported that last year, "Americans spent $7.4 billion on Halloween costumes, the industry group says — that includes $350 million that went towards pet costumes."

The average adult costume cost $40 and as college students it just don't seem worth it for one night.

No stress, there are ways to be apart of the Halloween holiday fun without .

D.I.Y or Do it Yourself projects have became popular in recent years, especially with apps like Pintrest that has never ending ideas for almost any project.

The key to D.I.Y projects is creativity and being able to take a $15 budget and make a memorable costume.

Consignment shops and thrift stores are a great place to start when shopping on a budget. Most of the clothes have only been used once, or never used at all.

Using face paint to go for your favorite horror movie character is also an inexpensive way to create your own costume.

Many students find it convenient to dress up as a pop culture icon because you can mock one of their albums covers and easily become a trending topic for the night.

Besides saving money, making your own costume is the only way to make sure you won't have the same costume as anyone else. We all hate that.

Don't spend more than you have to for the holiday season. Let youtube tutorials, Pintrest boards, and your imagination create the perfect costume for a fun night of 'Trick or Treating' or partying with friends.

Let us in on your holiday fun, by sending in your Halloween costumes for a chance to be featured on our website. Send pictures to thepacer@ut.utm.edu by November 1.

## Movies to get you in the spirit of Halloween

**Skylar Freeman**
*Staff Writer*

With Halloween approaching, television networks will be airing classic scary movies. This year, skip the cinema and host your own Halloween movie night. To set the mood, try to find Halloween recipes for you and your friends to snack on. Make sure the house is completely dark and get ready for the screams to take place.

Some great movies available to rent include Halloweentown, Cabin in the Woods, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Paranormal Activity, The Omen, Friday the 13th, Nightmare on Elm Street and, of course, it wouldn't be Halloween if you didn't watch Halloween.

For those who are on a budget and can't afford to rent movies, Netflix has a good amount of scary movies available to stream. If you aren't a Netflix member, you can sign-up for a 30 day free trial. One childhood "scary movie" that we all seemed to watch was Hocus Pocus, which is available on Netflix. Hocus Pocus was released in theaters in 1993, where the people of Salem capture and execute three witches for practicing witchcraft. Before they were executed they vowed to return to Salem 300 years later on Halloween for revenge, and they did.

Some other great Halloween movies featured on Netflix include The Possession, The Fog and Carrie (2013). The original Carrie was released in 1976 where Margaret White (Piper Laurie) is a saleswoman selling a heartfelt version of Christianity. Margaret created a tight pray room, or as some might call it a closet, where Carrie has to constantly repent to a Jesus statue with glowing eyes. 37 years later, Carrie was released again. Margaret White is a seamstress who had no clue she was pregnant. When she discovered a baby in the bed with her, she tried to kill "her" with scissors. Carrie was home-schooled until the school district felt as if that wasn't the best issue.

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# Sports

## Skyhawks will host rival Murray State on Saturday

**Jared Peckenpaugh**
*Sports Editor*

Coming off their Sgt. York Trophy-clinching win last week in Clarksville, the UTM football team will need to regroup for their matchup this week against Ohio Valley Conference rival Murray State.

The Skyhawks (4-2, 3-1 OVC) are coming off their 44-14 win over Austin Peay last week, where the Skyhawks officially retained the Sgt. York Trophy for the second consecutive year. Senior quarterback Jarod Neal completed 15 of his 25 passes for 209 yards and one touchdown. The running game was also effective for the Skyhawks, picking up a combined 210 rushing yards and three touchdowns (two by Trent Garland and one by Jamie Bowe). The defense was able to hold the Governors to only 14 points and 296 yards of total offense.

However, the Skyhawks will be faced with a much tougher task this week in Murray State.

"To me, this Murray team brings us a bigger set of challenges than we have had the last three weeks," said UTM head coach Jason Simpson, who has a 8-1 record over Murray State in his 10 years at UTM.

"They're going to score, they're potent offensively and they're much improved defensively personnel-wise and scheme-wise than they've been."

**Don't forget to wear Pink on Saturday**

Murray State comes into this match-up after coming off a bye week following their 34-18 win over Austin Peay back on Oct. 10. Like the Skyhawks, Murray State has one of the top offenses in the conference, specifically their pass offense, which averages 352 yards per game. The Racers are led by redshirt junior quarterback KD Humphries, who currently leads the conference in passing yards per game (351.7).

At his Monday press conference, Coach Simpson compared Humphries to his starting quarterback Neal as far as his accuracy, his ability to throw the football and his experience at quarterback.

Murray State has recently been known as a very offense-heavy football team. However, under new head coach Mitch Stewart and new defensive coordinator Chris Boone (former UTM assistant), the Racers are not only keeping pace with the high powered Racer offenses of the past, but also starting to see improvements defensively as well.

"First of all, they're better," said Simpson. "Their players are better and they've added some guys. It's a much improved defense."

This will be the 55th match-up between the two schools that are separated by a mere 45 miles. Murray State leads the all-time series between the two schools 35-18-1, but UTM has won the previous four meetings against the Racers. If this weeks game is anything like the previous match-ups between the two schools, expect a very high-scoring contest.

Kickoff between the Skyhawks and the Racers is set to take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 at Hardy Graham Stadium. Fans are encouraged to wear pink to support breast cancer awareness.

## OVC men's and women's basketball preseason polls and teams announced

**Jared Peckenpaugh**
*Sports Editor*

The 2015-16 Ohio Valley Conference Preseason poll and the preseason All-OVC teams were announced on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the OVC Media Day in Nashville.

Both the polls and preseason teams are voted on by the head basketball coaches in the OVC and their schools Sports Information Directors.

### Men's

The UTM men's basketball team received 115 points and nine first-place votes and were picked to finish second in the west division behind Murray State, who received 125 points and 15 first-place votes. The defending 2014 OVC tournament champions, the Belmont Bruins, were picked as the overall OVC Champion, receiving 21 first-place votes (UTM recieved two and Murray State received one).

Two Skyhawks were named to the Preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference Men's Basketball Team. Senior guard Alex Anderson, who averaged 12.5 points per game and hit 94 3-pointers last season, and senior forward Twymond Howard, who averaged 13.6 points per game and shot 47.6 percent from the field last year, were selected from UTM. Belmont's Craig Bradshaw (18.3 points per game, 82 3-pointers last season) was named Preseason OVC Player of the Year.

### Women's

Despite going 16-0 in conference play last season and finishing runner-up to Tennessee State at the OVC Tournament last year, this year the Skyhawk women's basketball team was picked to finish second overall in the conference.

The Skyhawks received 213 points and 10 first-place votes. SIUE, picked to be this year's OVC champion, also received 10 first-place votes but edged out UTM for first place by receiving 226 points.

Jessy Ward (10.9 points per game, 40.2 FG%) was the only Skyhawk named to the Preseason All-OVC Women's Basketball Team. SIUE's Shronda Butts (15.6 points per game, 3.2 assists per game) was named the Preseason OVC Player of the Year.

### Media Poll

The OVC Preseason Media Poll, which is voted on by members of the media who cover the OVC, was released on the Friday before OVC Media Day.

The media panel selected the Belmont men's team the UTM women's team as the preseason favorites.

Similar to the Preseason Poll, the media selected the Skyhawk men's team to finish second in the OVC West Division behind Murray State. The Racers received 85 points and 11 first-place votes while the Skyhawks received 76 points and four first-place votes.

Belmont's Craig Bradshaw was selected as the Men's Preseason Player of the Year.

The UTM women's team recieved 162 points and six first-place votes, edging out SIUE who finished second with 161 points and four first-place votes.

Austin Peay's Tiasha Gray was selected the Women's Player of the Year by the media after averaging 21.2 points per game and 6.1 rebounds per game.

## Around the NEST

### Football

Murray State Racers (2-4, 1-2 OVC) at UTM Skyhawks (4-2, 3-1 OVC)

2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015
Hardy Graham Stadium, Martin, Tennessee
TV: OVC Digital Network
Radio: WCMT 101.3, WUTM 90.3

UTM Skyhawks at Arkansas Razorbacks

3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015
Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium
TV: SEC Network
Radio: WCMT 101.3, WUTM 90.3

### Soccer

7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 – at Tennessee Tech
Tech Soccer Field, Cookeville, Tennessee

1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25 – at Morehead State
Jayne Stadium, Morehead, Kentucky

7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29 – Southeast Missouri
Skyhawk Field, Martin, Tennessee

OVC Tournament First Round - Sunday, Nov. 1

OVC Tournament Semifinals - Friday, Nov. 6

OVC Tournament Finals - Sunday, Nov. 8

### Volleyball

7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 – at Belmont
Curb Event Center, Nashville, Tennessee

2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 – at Tennessee State
Kean Hall, Nashville, Tennessee

7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30 – SIUE
Skyhawk Fieldhouse, Martin, Tennessee

2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 – Eastern Illinois
Skyhawk Fieldhouse, Martin, Tennessee

### Cross-Country

OVC Championship
9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31
Murray, Kentucky

### Rodeo

Baldwin Automotive Raider Rodeo
Thursday Oct. 22 – Saturday, Oct. 24
Black River Coliseum
Poplar Bluff, Missouri

### Golf

Saturday, Oct. 24 – Tuesday, Oct. 27
A-State Fall Beach Classic
Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club